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Dear Processor of Recyclable Materials:

The 1988 Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) requires each county in Maryland and Baltimore City to report annually to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) the:

- (1) Amount and types of materials recycled;
- (2) Total amount, by weight, of solid waste collected;
- (3) Total amount, by weight, of solid waste disposed of at solid waste acceptance facilities;
- (4) Methods of disposal of solid waste used, other than recycling; and
- (5) Percentage reduction in the amount of solid waste needing disposal that has been achieved.

The *MRA Tonnage Report Form for Processors* is necessary so Maryland Counties and Baltimore City can accurately complete the required report.

All of the materials necessary to complete the *MRA Tonnage Report Form for Processors* are available on-line in the "Processor MRA Reporting Forms" section of the "County Coordinator Resources" page at www.mde.maryland.gov/recycling. The direct link for the information is <http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/RecyclingandOperationsprogram/CountyCoordinatorResources/Pages/Programs/LandPrograms/Recycling/Coordinators/index.aspx>. The section includes:

- *MRA Tonnage Report Form for Processors* to be completed and **returned to the County where the recyclables originated**;
- *MRA Tonnage Report Form for Processors Guidelines* that contain information regarding completing the report form;
- *Processor Mailing List – 2016* that contains a list of all processors that received this report;
- *Maryland Zip Codes* that contains an alphabetized list of Maryland post offices and the corresponding county to help determine the origin of recyclables collected; and
- *County Recycling Coordinators Contact Information*.

IT IS IMPORTANT to refer to the processor guidelines when completing the form to ensure uniform reporting of recyclables across the State.

DO NOT return completed forms to MDE. Report forms should be completed and **returned to the County** (or Baltimore City) where the recyclables originated **by March 11, 2016**. If you have specific questions in completing the report form for a jurisdiction, please contact the appropriate County Recycling Coordinator (see website for the list of County Recycling Coordinators). If you have general questions please contact MDE's Waste Diversion Division at 800-633-6101 x4142, 410-537-4142, or david.mrgich@maryland.gov. Thank you in advance for providing the information needed to determine Maryland's 2015 waste diversion rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Mrgich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Mrgich, Chief
Recycling Unit

cc: Recycling Coordinator